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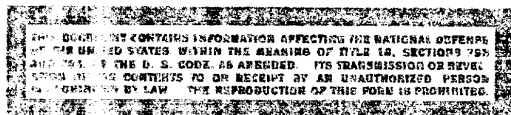
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1. Il-28 aircraft were observed at Werneuchen airfield prior to their transfer. As previously reported, two IIL-28s, for a short period, had a weapon installed in the upper part of the plexiglass nose, which was now identified as a light machine gun with pistol grip and shoulder stock. Its caliber was estimated at 13-mm.
2. During take-offs and landings the bombardier was sitting and could not be seen from outside. During the flight he was in prone position and could be seen from the side through the plexiglass. From below his head was seen through an elliptic window in the middle of the plexiglass nose. An instrument was clearly seen above the elliptic plate and through the plexiglass sides. Source was not certain whether a bomb sight was concerned. Cables leading to the device were seen from outside.
3. The Il-28 was equipped with two swivelling searchlights in the outer part of the power plant cowl, about 1.50 m forward of the leading edge of the wing. There was only a small light similar to a position light and no searchlight on the flap of the nose wheel. With extended landing gear, this light pointed forward as a position light, while it pointed down when the landing gear was retracted. The light was not flexible. During night flying this light was used for flash signals indicating that the plane was going to land at the field.

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1. Comment. This weapon was described previously. Source of reference report saw a cartridge of this machine gun and stated that it was smaller than the German 7.9-mm projectile. It is therefore credible that a 7.6-mm Shkass machine gun with a pistol grip is concerned. A flexible 13-mm gun with pistol grip is not known to exist.

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2. Comment. A box with levers and turning handles in the nose of an Il-28 was previously reported. This box is undoubtedly the bomb sight, probably with electric bomb release mechanism.

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3. Comment. This data confirms previous information.

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